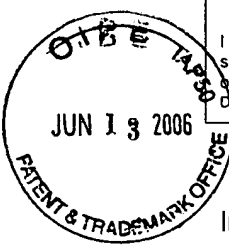


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- ☒ Transmittal Letter, Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and cited references B1-B6.
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication
100 41 590	04-19-2001
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1 211 119	06-05-2002
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Also enclosed is a copy of Search Report dated March 10, 2006 for corresponding European Application No. 03 019 458.3. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

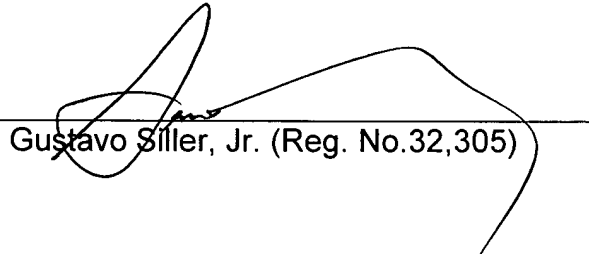
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Applicants certify pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that no item of information in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application more than three months days prior to the filing of this Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference). Accordingly, Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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